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SUMMARY: COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT CHAIRMAN SHOULD CIRCULATE PAPER TO DELEGATIONS ASKING FOR APPROVAL BY SILENT PROCEDURE OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF PRESENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. COMMITTEE AGREED WITH CHAIRMAN THAT CICR SHOULD NOT DISCUSS INFORMATION MATTERS WHICH INVOLVE GOING INTO TECHNICAL DETAILS OF PREDOMINATELY MILITARY NATURE . NEXT MODIO CONFERENCE PROPOSED FOR OCTOBER 10-11 OR OCTOBER 3-4. SOME REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH SHAPE BRIEFINGS; KOREN IS PREPARING BRIEFING PAPER FOR LUNS TO USE IN URGING NATO COMMANDERS TO IMPROVE THEIR PROGRAMS. END SUMMARY.

1. ANTI-WESTERN PROPAGANDA INCLUDING ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS. NO CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. NATO RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. IN DISCUSSING INTERIM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OF CURRENT YEAR, CONSENSUS WAS THAT RESEARCH PROPOSALS UNDER NEW FORMAT WERE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE PERTINENT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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NATO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OBJECTIVES THAN IN PAST AND THAT SLIGHT DECLINE IN NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS CAUSED BY TOO SHORT AN APPLICATION PERIOD COULD BE OVERCOME IF CURRENT PROGRAM COULD BE EXTENDED TO NEXT YEAR AND OPENED IN SEPTEMBER 1974 AT START OF ACADEMIC YEAR.

COMMITTEE AGREED THAT CHAIRMAN KOREN SHOULD CIRCULATE PAPER ASKING DELEGATIONS TO CONSENT BY SILENT PROCEDURE TO EXTENSION OF EXISTING INTERIM PORGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL YEAR, AFTER WHICH CHAIRMAN WOULD SEEK APPROVAL OF BUDGET COMMITTEE AND NATO COUNCIL.

3. CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF INFORMATION SECTIONS IN MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE--CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. TWO ITEMS REFERRED TO CICR BY LAST SEPTEMBER'S CONFERENCE OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE INFORMATION OFFICIALS (MODIO) WERE:

A. POSSIBLE WAYS OF IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATO INFORMATION EFFORT IN THE FIELD OF JOINT EXERCISES;

B. PRINCIPLES AND ORGANIZATION PERTAINING TO PUBLIC INFORMATION IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND WAR.

4. KOREN SAID HE HAD RESEARCHED THESE QUESTIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT "IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE FOR THE INFORMATION COMMITTEE TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL DETAILS OF A PREDOMINANTLY MILITARY NATURE WITH WHICH THESE TWO SUBJECTS ARE SO BOUND UP." SAID HE PREFERRED TO SEELT THESE ITEMS BY MAKING BRIEF STATEMENT AT NEXT MODIO CONFERENCE. COMMITTEE AGREED.

5. OTHER BUSINESS. KOREN PROPOSED THAT NEXT MODIO CONFERENCE TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS, PREFERABLY OCTOBER 10-11, OTHERWISE OCTOBER 3-4. FORMAT WOULD BE LUNCH AND INFORMAL SESSION THURSDAY, FORMAL SESSIONS FRIDAY. ACTION REQUESTED: DODS APPROVAL OF EITHER OR BOTH SETS OF DATES BY JULY 30.

6. UK REP MENTIONED THEIR DISCONTENT WITH BRIEFINGS GIVEN TO IMPORTNAT VISITING GROUPS AT SHAPE. ITALIAN REP VOICED SIMILAR STRONG DISSATISFACTION. BOTH SAID THEY WERE DISCOURAGING GROUPS FROM GOING TO SHAPE.

7. US REP SAID THIS HAD BEEN CONTINUNING PROBLEM FOR YEARS, THOUGHT SOME IMPORVEMENT HAD BEEN MADE IN PAST YEAR BUT THAT HE ALSO HAD HEARD NEGATIVE REPORTS IN RECENT WEEKS. SAID THAT WE MUST TRY TO IMPROVE PROGRAMS AT MILITARY HEADQUARTERS RATHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THAN STEER GROUPS AWAY. KOREN SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE BRIEFING PAPER FOR SG LUNS TO USE IN URGING TOP NATO MILITARY COMMANDERS TO HAVE THEIR BRIEFING PROGRAMS IMPROVED AND THAT HE WOULD TAKE STRONG VIEWS EXPRESSED IN CICR INTO ACCOUNT. RUMSFELD

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